GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAISING OF PLATFORMS LEVEL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of platforms enroute Varanasi to Bhatni via Audihar and Ghazipur-Ballia-Chapra via Audihar have been raised as per the requirements;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the level of the different offices of railway located on these platforms gone down substantially as a result of conversion of both lines into broad gauge thus causing lot of inconvenienCfj to the employees; and ,.

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to raise the level of said platforms and offices?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SBRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d): While undertaking large scale gauge conversion of various routes all over the country, simultaneous raising of platforms to bring it to broad gauge standards could not be done due to resource constraints. Raising of platforms at stations, wherever required, was subsequently taken up in phases and according to priority. Platforms at Bhatni, Salempur, BeJthara Road, Mau In., Balliænd Ghazipur have already been raised to Broad gauge standards. Raising of platforms of the remaining stations, wherever warranted, will be taken up through annual Works Programme of the Railways subject to availability of funds.

Wherever floor level of buildings became lower due to raising of platforms, ramps have been provided for easy access. Reconstruction of the. station buildings is not contemplated for the present as it involves a large expenditure, which is not justified.